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SUBJECT: RESUMPTION OF NUCLEAR DISCUSSIONS WITH IRAN

1. THE PRESIDENT HAS DECIDED THAT THE NEXT STEP IN OUR NUCLEAR AGREEMENT NEGOTIATIONS WITH IRAN SHOULD BE A VISIT TO TEHRAN FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SHAH BY A HIGH-LEVEL TEAM OF ERDA AND THE DEPT OF STATE. IT HAS BEEN DECIDED THAT THE TEAM SHOULD BE COMPOSED OF DR. ROBERT SEAMANS OF ERDA AND CARLYLE MAW, UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR SECURITY ASSISTANCE AFFAIRS. THEY WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY MYRON KRATZER, ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF OES AND MR. NELSON SIEVERING, ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR OF ERDA.

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2. THE PURPOSE OF THE VISIT IS TO LEARN FIRSTHAND FROM THE SHAH IRAN'S FUNDAMENTAL CONCERNS WITH THE U.S. POSITION TO DATE ON THE PROPOSED NUCLEAR AGREEMENT. SIMILARLY, WE WOULD HOPE TO EXPOSE THE SHAH TO OUR OWN PRINCIPAL PERCEPTIONS ON THIS SUBJECT, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE GREAT UPSURGE IN CONCERN THAT HAS BEEN GENERATED IN THE UNITED STATES AND MANY COUNTRIES ABOUT THE BROAD PROBLEM OF PROLIFERATION. IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE AREA OF NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION IS ONE WHERE BOTH IRAN AND THE U.S. HAVE LONG SHARED CLOSE COMMON INTERESTS, WE WOULD HOPE THAT SUCH

A CANDID EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WOULD ASSIST US IN ARRIVING AT POSITIONS THAT WOULD HELP BRING THIS LONG-STANDING QUESTION OF THE NUCLEAR AGREEMENT TO AN EARLY AND SUCCESSFUL RESOLUTION. IN SUM, DR. SEAMANS AND MR. MAW PROPOSE TO HOLD A BROAD DIALOGUE AIMED AT CLARIFYING THE RESPECTIVE GOI AND USG CONCERNS ON THESE MATTERS. (FYI: THE PRESIDENT HAS SPECIFICALLY RESERVED HIS JUDGMENT AS TO THE FINAL POSITION HE WILL APPROVE ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE AGREEMENT UNTIL HE HAS RECEIVED A REPORT FROM THE ERDA-STATE MISSION. END FYI.)

3. YOU SHOULD INFORM THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN OF THE PRESIDENT'S DESIRE TO SEND DR. SEAMANS AND MR. MAW TO TALK WITH THE SHAH AND DRAW ON PARA 2 TO EXPLAIN THE PURPOSES OF THE VISIT. THE U.S. VISITORS PROPOSE FEBRUARY 23-24 FOR THESE DISCUSSIONS AND WE HOPE HE WOULD FIND IT POSSIBLE TO RECEIVE THEM ON THOSE DATES.

4. DURING THE DISCUSSIONS DR. SEAMANS WILL ISSUE THROUGH THE SHAH AN INVITATION TO DR. ETEMAD, CHAIRMAN OF THE IRANIAN ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION, TO VISIT THE UNITED STATES AT A MUTUALLY CONVENIENT NEAR DATE. INGERSOLL

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